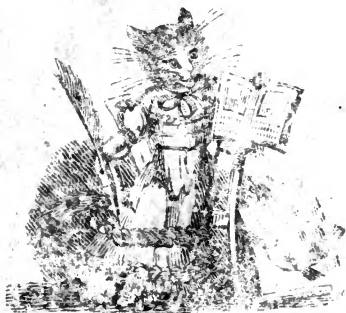


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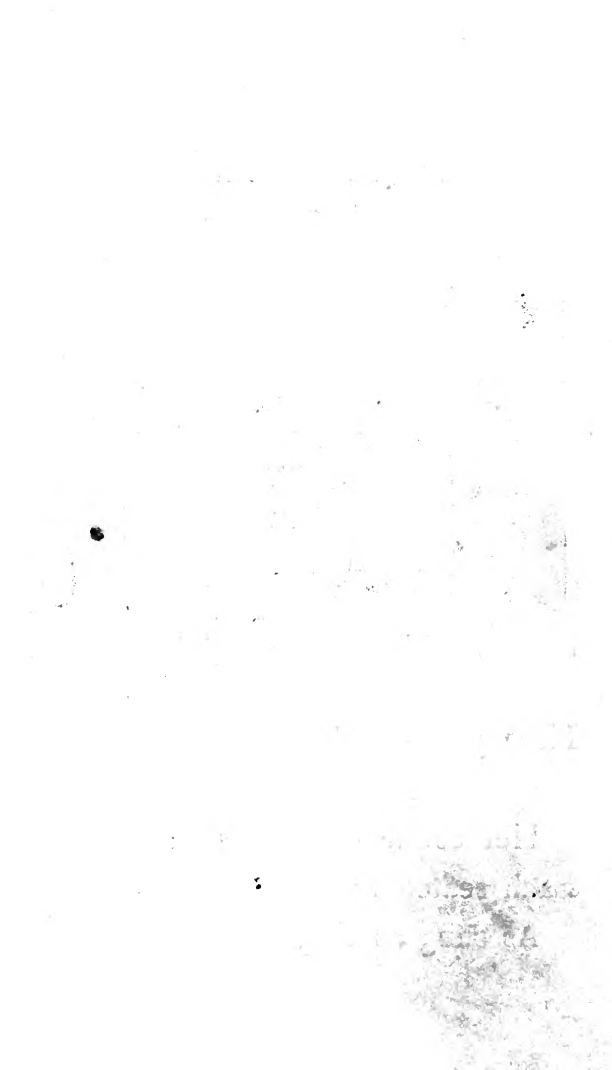
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Here you behold Dame Trot, and
here

Her comic Cat you see ;
Each seated in an elbow chair
As snug as they can be.



Dame Trot came home one wintery
night,
A shivering, starving soul,
But Puss had made a blazing fire,
And nicely truss'd a Fowl.



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The Dame was pleas'd, the Fowl was
dress'd,
The table set in place ;
The wondrous Cat began to carve,
And Goody said her grace.



The cloth withdrawn, old Goody
cries,

“ I wish we 'd liquor too :”

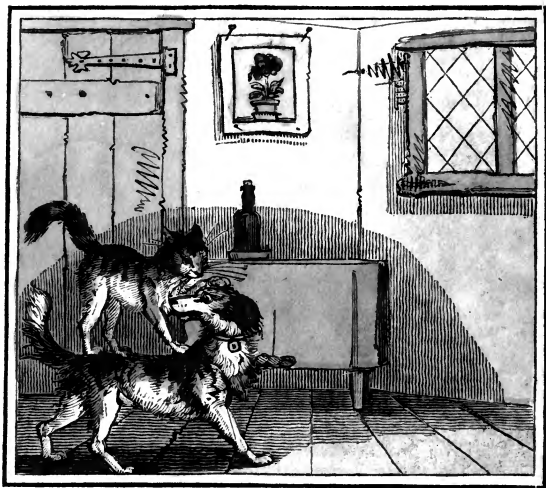
Up jump'd Grimalkin for some wine,
And soon a cork she drew.







The wine got up in Pussy's head,
She would not go to bed ;
But purr'd and tumbled, leap'd and
danc'd,
And stood upon her head.



Old Goody laugh'd to see the sport,
As though her sides would crack ;
When Puss, without a single word,
Leap'd on the Spaniel's back.



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“ Ha, ha ! well done ! ” old Trot ex-
claims,

“ My Cat, you gallop well ; ”

But Spot grew surly, growl'd and bit,
And down the rider fell.



Now Goody sorely was fatigued,
Nor eyes could open keep,
So Spot, and she, and Pussy too,
Agreed to go to sleep.



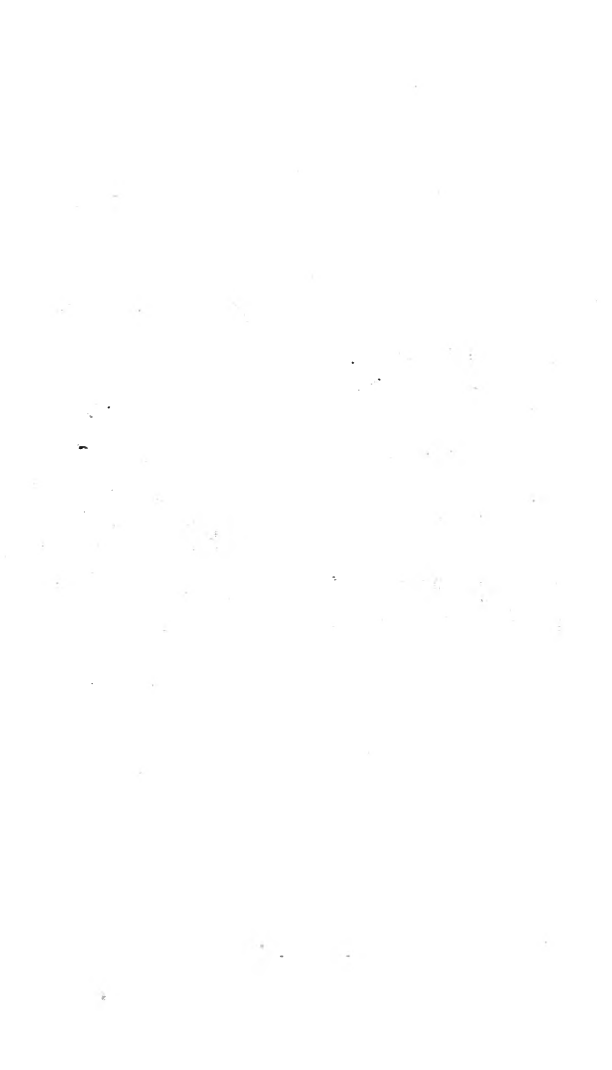


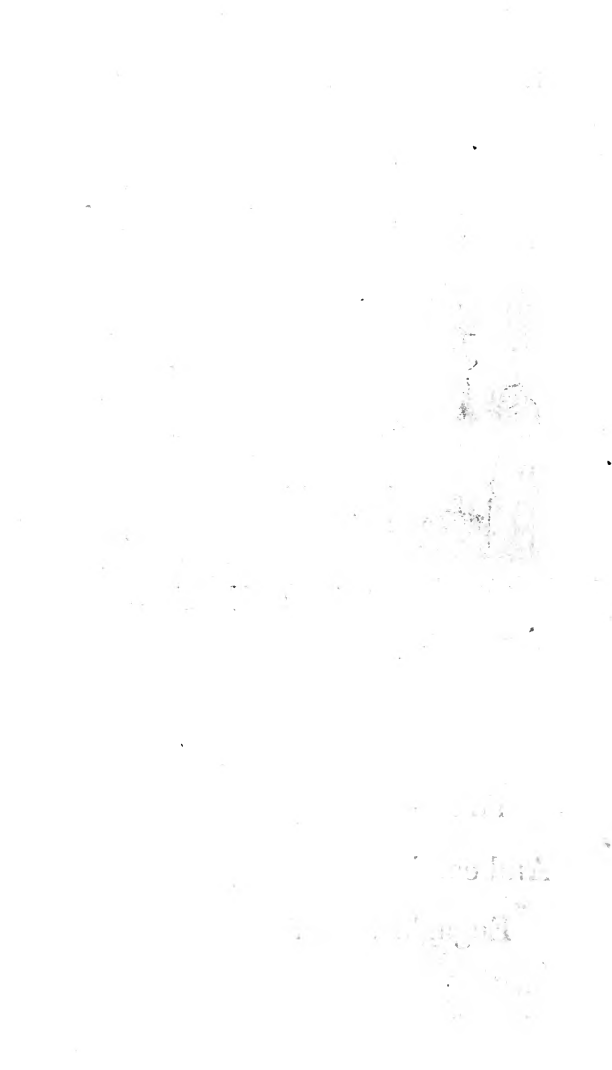


Next morning Puss got up betimes,
The breakfast-cloth she laid ;
And ere the village clock struck eight,
The tea and toast she made.



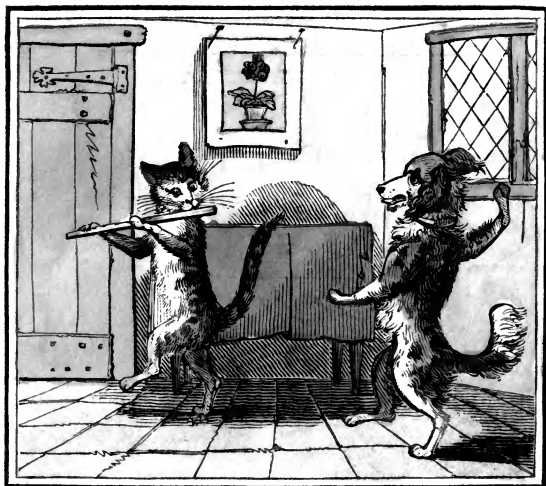
Goody awoke and rubb'd her eyes,
And drank her cup of tea ;
Amaz'd to see her Cat behave
With such propriety.



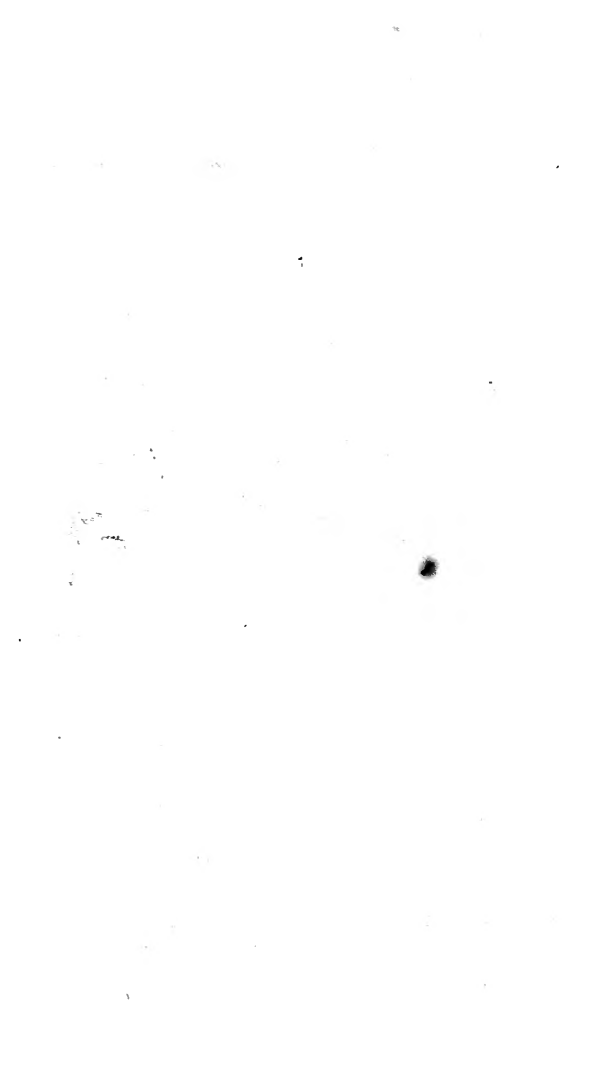




The breakfast ended, Trot went out
To see old neighbour Hards ;
And coming home, she found her Cat
Engag'd with Spot at cards.



Soon after this, as she came in,
 (It happen'd quite by chance ;)
Pussy was playing on the flute,
And teaching Spot to dance.

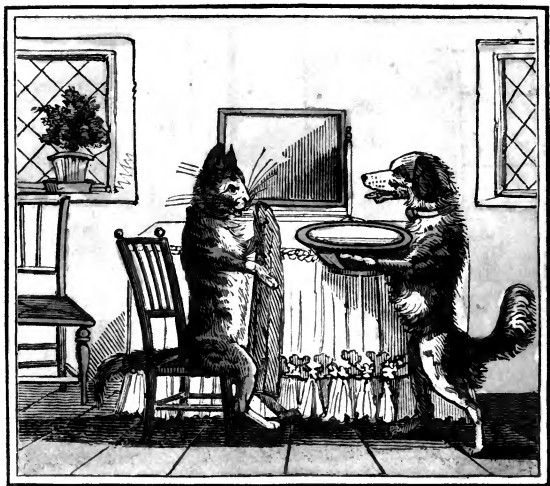


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Another time the Dame came in,
When Spot demurely sat,
Half lather'd to the ears and eyes,
Half shaven by the Cat.



Grimalkin, having shav'd her friend,
Sat down before the glass,
And wash'd her face, and dress'd her
hair,
Like any modern lass.







A hat and feather then she took,
And stuck it on aside ;
And o'er a gown of crimson silk,
A handsome tippet tied.



Just as her dress was all complete,
In came the good old Dame ;
She look'd, admir'd, and curtsied low,
And Pussy did the same.

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